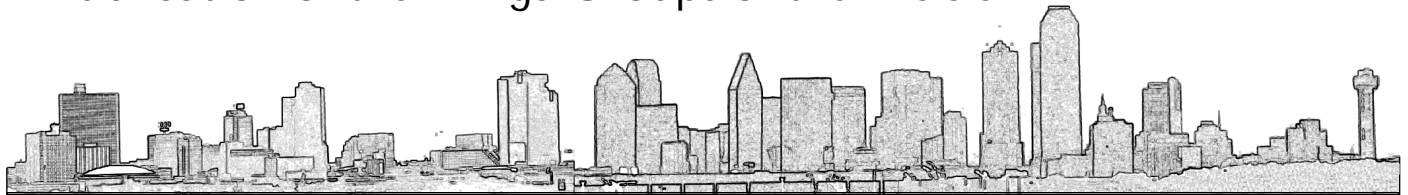


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## Petro Speaks In Australia

From the CUCUG Newsletter

From:

<http://technology.news.com.au/techno/4197226.htm>

Title: Tenacious Amiga on comeback trail

By Garth Montgomery, writing on 19 January

- Gateway expects to generate \$100 million revenue from Amiga in the year 2000, and Mr Tyschtshenko is confident of meeting the target. The specifications call for an entertainment machine focused on multimedia games and real-time animation, Internet and networking support, plus digital interface standards for convergence processing hardware.
- However, demand {for Amigas} still exists, according to Mr. Tyschtshenko. He generated 10 million Deutschemarks (\$9.5 million) in sales between March 1997 and December 1998, with only six staff selling A1200 machines developed in 1991.
- Revenue now comes mainly from poker machines and a booming wedding video industry on the {Indian} sub-continent.

From:

<http://www.it.fairfax.com.au/990119/hardware/it2.html>

Title: Information Technology — hardware

Amiga on track to a comeback

By Nathan Cochrane, writing on 19 January

- "Commodore never got in touch with the users of the computer," Tyschtschenko said. "It's important to understand what people are doing. In the hard times, when I wasn't aware what was happening from day to day, with the bankruptcy I got encouraging e-mails from users. They said 'don't give up'. "The community is very creative and I cared for these people."
- He says a multimedia workstation based around the PowerPC chip and running AmigaOS 3.5 could sell next year for less than \$US1500 and deliver comparable performance to NT or Mac machines costing several times that amount. A DVD-based set-top interactive box with Net access is also planned.
- "Regarding the processor platform, I've spoken to Schindler and he told me they (Amiga Inc, the design

arm of Amiga) would like to make up their mind late in the European summer for processors. "There are so many things going on so they would like to grab the best technology they can."

## An Open Letter

From Jeff Schindler

Amiga has always had certain strengths that have never been matched by any other operating system. It's small, efficient, and multimedia-centric. As Allan Havemose as often said, "We just did it right." Even today the Amiga can outperform and outrun today's dominant operating system.

There has been a great deal of excitement and concern over the last few weeks about the future for the Amiga. With the recent announcement in Germany of our OS partner QNX and the demonstration of what this package can do, we began speeding forward to the future.

When Amiga Inc. was formed our goal was to determine the best road for Amiga to take. We wanted to:

- Continue the current development path and create another version of the operating system.
- Build a new team from scratch and re-write the OS with the new features necessary to be competitive.
- Locate an operating system with the same ideals and spirit that the Amiga has.

We joined in a partnership with QNX to create the NG Amiga. But that didn't mean that we intended to forget about the classic system users and the faithful Amiga community. We're going to continue working on getting 3.5 out the door, but we also need to get started working on the new operating system. We are committed to a long and exciting future for the Amiga, and the community that has kept this magnificent architecture alive.

Amiga 3.5 is a work in progress; it has NOT been abandoned. We learned over the last several weeks, that what we believed we were getting from our partners in the project was not always what they understood they

were to deliver. So we are going back to each and every partner in the 3.5 project to make sure that what they are working on is what our customers require. It is critical that we deliver what we promised – a complete package.

Some of you have been concerned about the future of Amiga and our commitment to our developers and the community. Please know that your questions and e-mails have not been ignored. We are working very hard to complete the final phases of 3.5 and get the developer programs and final specifications worked out with our partner QNX. We want to deliver the most robust and exciting operating system ever. We will do it.

Thanks for your patience and support. The Amiga is on the right path, and we look forward to delivering both 3.5 and the NG Amiga soon.

Keep the faith. We're close.

Jeff Schindler

General Manager

Amiga Inc.

## The Net Connection

In addition to the articles printed here, this month's web site will feature several articles and announcements that should be of interest to any Amiga user.

- ✓ An Interview With Dave Haynie — He gives his thoughts on the future of the Amiga and computing in general
- ✓ AU Awards — Amiga Universe names the best of 1998
- ✓ Informer and Amazing Computing — Press release about the merger
- ✓ ShapeShifter — The MAC emulator goes freeware
- ✓ Picks of the Month — My picks of the best new files of the month... with downloads
- ✓ Cowboy Wisdom — Bonus humor for the month

...Bill Raecke

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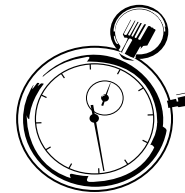
## February Calendar

- Feb 2 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting  
7:30 pm — Bill Raecke's Place  
2614 Charolais Way, Arlington
- Feb 9 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter  
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility  
Trinity at Norwood, Hurst
- Feb18 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter  
7:30 pm — SMU Building  
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Feb 27 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

## Membership Watch

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Expiring February, 1999

Ken Doll

Rick Schulz